

# Physical Therapy News

May 2011

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## Member Profile:

In this section of the newsletter we will introduce you to your committee one by one.

**Mary Bennett** received her professional education at the Middlesex Hospital School of Physiotherapy, London, England, graduating in 1966. She came to southern Indiana in 1971 and has practiced as a physical therapist in this state since passing the state board examination in 1972. She completed a bachelor's degree from the University of Evansville in 1978 and a master's degree from that institution in 1983. Mary has worked in a variety of facilities both in England prior to immigrating to the USA and in southern Indiana, including Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville and Warrick Hospital in Boonville.

Mary taught at the University of Evansville in the professional physical therapist and physical therapist assistant programs from 1982 – 1987 and again from 1999 until retirement in 2008. She continues to practice physical therapy on an “as needed” basis at Select Specialty Hospital in Evansville. She was appointed to the Physical Therapy Committee in 2004 and is now chair of the committee. She was also appointed to the Board of Directors of the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) in 2008 and is just starting her second term for that organization. Mary has also been a member of the American Physical Therapy Association since 1972 and was honored with the Fran Ekstam award in 2000 for her involvement with state and district committees of that organization.

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## 2011 Meeting Dates:

- March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- June 8<sup>th</sup>
- September 1<sup>st</sup>
- December 7<sup>th</sup>

Please note that meeting dates and locations are subject to change or may be cancelled due to lack of business. All meetings are held in: Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Conference Room W064 of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

## Newsletter Schedule:

- February
- May
- August
- November

## Helpful Links:

FSBPT: <https://www.fsbpt.org/index.asp>  
INAPTA: <http://www.inapta.org>  
APTA: <http://www.apta.org>

## What's Happening in your Profession?

- Effective **July 1, 2011** IPLA will require **criminal background checks** of all new licensees. In addition, at the discretion of the committee, a criminal background check may be required for a licensee currently on probation who wishes to terminate his or her probationary status and for a current license holder processing a renewal.
- The next renewal date for PT's and PTA's is June 30, 2012.
- **Implementation of Fixed-Date Testing on NPTE-PT**  
  
As many of you are aware, effective **July 1, 2011**, the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) for physical therapists will be moving to fixed-date testing. In 2011, the NPTE will be administered continuously through June 30, 2011. **Starting on July 1, the NPTE will be administered on September 7, October 26, and December 5.** As a result of the implementation of fixed-date testing, the Committee will be making changes to how it processes licensure by examination applications.
- **2012 PT NPTE dates confirmed:** Here is the schedule for the administration of the PT National Physical Therapy Exams in 2012:
  - January 30, 2012
  - March 29, 2012
  - July 2, 2012
  - July 31, 2012
  - October 23, 2012
- **Coming soon:** Continuing Education! Watch our website and future publications for more information on CE Requirements.

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## *Notes from the Director,*

*Welcome to what is the first in an ongoing series of quarterly newsletters. The purpose of these newsletters is to keep you abreast with what is going on in your profession as well as with the Indiana Physical Therapy Committee. Each edition will offer a F.A.Q. section where our administrative staff will address your frequently asked questions. Feel free to email us at [pla6@pla.in.gov](mailto:pla6@pla.in.gov) to ask your questions or voice concerns; indicate in the subject line “**Newsletter: PT**” and you will see your questions, comments, and concerns addressed in a future publication...*

*Tasha Coleman*

## **Disciplinary Action:**

A list of board disciplinary actions may be found on our license litigation system at <https://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/pla-litigation/>

Free online licensure look-ups may be obtained at <https://extranet.in.gov/WebLookup/Search.aspx>. This is a real time database and is the best resource for accurate data.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Can I apply for licensure before I graduate?**

*NO, your degree must be conferred and transcripts received before seeking licensure.*

**How do I file a complaint?**

*You may file a complaint online or download the appropriate complaint form at [www.indianaconsumer.com](http://www.indianaconsumer.com). Consumer complaints are processed through the Consumer Protection Division of the Indiana Attorney General.*

**Can I apply for license without a social security number? If not, how can I receive my visa so that I can obtain an SSN if I can't apply for licensure?**

*You **MUST** have a social security number to apply for licensure in the state of Indiana. (844 IAC 6-3-6) For information on obtaining your visa, you will need to contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or on the web at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).*

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